

GENERAL OFFICE
Red Jacket Road at Calumet Avenue
Calumet
Houghton County
Michigan

HABS MI-434
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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Location: The General Office is located near the intersection of Red Jacket Road and Calumet Avenue in Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan.

Present Owner: Located on Red Jacket Road next to the Miscowaubik Club and near the Agassiz House and Library at the entrance to the mining town, the General Office has a similar ownership history to the Roundhouse, Bathhouse, Machine Shop, and Miscowaubik Club. The chain of title information is as follows:

Twp 56N Range 33W Section 23

I. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Patent

State of Michigan to

St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Co.

May 25, 1855, rec. September 4, 1875

Volume 17, p. 2.

II. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Warranty Deed

St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Co. to

St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Co.

June 8, 1860, rec. June 23, 1862

Volume 5, p. 316.

III. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Warranty Deed

St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Co. to

Hecla Mining Company

September 11, 1866, rec. October 15, 1866

Volume 8, p. 371.

IV. Merger of Hecla Mining Company with Calumet Mining Company to form the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company

March 1871

Red Metal, p. 71.

V. Formation of the Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Company
September 10, 1923
Red Metal, p. 140.

VI. Merger between Calumet & Hecla and Universal Oil Products
April 25, 1968.

Present Occupant: Presumed vacant.

Notes: The General Office was designed by the Boston architectural firm Shaw and Hunnewell and built in the 1890s by the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company Construction Department and Worden-Allen Company. Later the office was expanded; these alterations were designed by Charlton and Kuenzli of Marquette and Milwaukee. The building is two-and-one-half stories tall and has reddish brown stone fashioned into hammer-dressed broken ashlar masonry walls. The quoins and cornices are made out of 4" bricks. Inside, the flooring is a combination of concrete and hardwood.¹

Sources: Charles K. Hyde and Diane B. Abbot, The Upper Peninsula of Michigan: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (Washington: Historic American Engineering Record, 1978, cited in "Calumet and Hecla Industrial District," Nomination form 1974, 1977, National Register for Historic Places, National Park Service.

"Coppertown USA." Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., for the UOP Realty Development Company, 1972.

Historians: The summer historians were Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, who worked for the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record on the Calumet area survey in 1975.

¹ Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, notes, 1975.